

H. Res. 493

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

February 4, 2004.

Whereas St. John's University defeated Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio, by a score of 24–6 in the 2003 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl on Saturday, December 20, 2003;

Whereas St. John's finished the season 14–0 and is the winningest football program all-time in Division III at 508–213–24 in their 93 seasons;

Whereas this is St. John's first national championship since 1976 and fourth in school history;

Whereas this football championship capped a season in which St. John's Coach John Gagliardi became the all-time winningest football coach in NCAA history;

Whereas Blake Elliott, St. John's senior wide receiver, was the recipient of the 2003 Gagliardi trophy as the outstanding Division III college football player;

Whereas the St. John's University Johnnies snapped Mount Union's NCAA-record 55-game winning streak in the championship game; and

Whereas three chartered planes full of loyal St. John's fans were among the 5,073 people who watched the Stagg Bowl in the freezing cold of Salem, Virginia, and many more watched the nationally televised game: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives congratulates the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team on winning the 2003 NCAA Division III Football National Championship.

Attest:

Clerk.